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AFRL and WTN host Ohio's EMA Director

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Dale Shipley, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) visited Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on May 7, to gain an understanding of Air Force Research Laboratory technologies and their potential application to his agency.

Shipley is charged with directing the daily administration and management of the EMA, and coordinating with federal and county emergency management agencies on policy and operational issues. Under his direction, the Ohio EMA supports and advises all county emergency management agencies, maintains the State Emergency Operations Center, and coordinates state and federal resources responding to disaster needs.

Dr. Robert Clark, Senior Research Engineering Advisor with the EPA Office of Research and Development National Risk Management Research Laboratory; and Sara Lundine, Executive Director of Battelle Environmental Technology Commercialization Center accompanied him during the tour.

The introduction to AFRL grew out of contacts made by Wright Technology Network during a meeting chaired by the Governor of Ohio on Homeland Security in March 2002. WTN is the technology transfer intermediary working with the AFRL directorates with headquarters at Wright-Patterson on Homeland Security.

Shipley was welcomed by Dr. William Borger, Director of AFRL Plans and Programs; Dan Kugel, AFRL Homeland Defense and Combat Support Sector chief; and was briefed by representatives from various directorates.

After the meeting, both Shipley and Clark indicated an interest in interacting with AFRL components and follow-on meetings. @